

Dialysis Facility Compare's "Resources" tab includes the following additional information:

Publications—View or print booklets about kidney disease, dialysis, and Medicare coverage.

Frequently Asked Questions—Get answers about kidney disease, treatment, and quality measures.

Related Websites—Find other websites about kidney disease, dialysis, and transplants. You can also find websites for children, parents, and caregivers.

Glossary—Get definitions about dialysis-related terms used on the website.

Quality Concerns—Learn what to do if you have a concern or complaint about the quality of care you get from a dialysis facility.

Patient Rights—Find out about your rights as a person with kidney disease.

Kidney Dictionary—Get definitions of commonly-used terms from the kidney disease dictionary provided by the National Institutes of Health.

Patient Checklists—Learn important questions to ask your health care team and dialysis facility.

While visiting Dialysis Facility Compare, take a look at other areas of www.medicare.gov.

MyMedicare.gov—Register at MyMedicare.gov to get personalized information, like tracking your health care claims and preventive services you can use, or for information about Medicare health and prescription drug plans.

Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans—Get a list of available plans and costs, find out which drugs are covered, and join a plan.

Compare Health Plans and Medigap Policies in Your Area—Answer simple questions and get personalized health plan information to help you compare health plans and Medigap policies in your area.

Compare Hospitals—Compare hospitals in your area by seeing how often hospitals have provided recommended treatments for certain medical conditions.

Compare Nursing Homes—Compare nursing homes in your area by specific features, quality information, state inspection results, and nursing staff information.

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Dialysis Facility Compare Tool at www.medicare.gov

Your Guide to
Medicare-Certified
Dialysis Facilities



DIALYSIS

Dialysis Facility Compare located at www.medicare.gov is a tool to help you find dialysis facilities in your area. It has detailed information about Medicare-certified dialysis facilities and other resources for people with kidney disease. You can use this information to compare the services available and the quality of care provided by facilities in your area and around the country.

Visit Dialysis Facility Compare to learn the following information:

- Name, address, and telephone number of the facility
- Whether the facility has shifts starting after 5:00 p.m.
- Number of hemodialysis treatment stations
- Types of dialysis offered
- Facility ownership type (profit or non-profit)
- Name of organization or corporation that owns or manages the facility
- Date the facility was first certified by Medicare

Dialysis facilities can vary in how well they take care of patients. The quality of care information on Dialysis Facility Compare helps you compare and choose facilities that offer good care. Good quality dialysis care means doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, for the right person—and getting the best possible results.

FACILITY

Visit Dialysis Facility Compare to compare the quality of care provided by facilities based on the following:

- Percent of patients who had enough wastes removed from their blood during dialysis
- Percent of patients who have their anemia (low blood count) under control
- Patient survival rate

Each quality measure is explained in detail on the website including information on how the data are gathered and calculated. You also can read about what these quality measures mean to a person getting dialysis treatment.



COMPARE

How to Use Dialysis Facility Compare

Step 1 - First, visit www.medicare.gov and select, “Compare Dialysis Facilities in Your Area.”

Step 2 - Decide how you want to search. You can search by dialysis facility name, within a certain distance of a city or ZIP code, or within a state or county.

Step 3 - Select the dialysis facilities you would like to get more information about. If you select more than one facility, you will be able to compare the information on all the dialysis facilities you choose.

The results of your search will include the information for your local ESRD* Network and State Survey Agency. These agencies help make sure that dialysis facilities are Medicare-certified and provide quality care. You may use these contacts to get more information about dialysis or if you have a concern about your dialysis care.

You can compare the services and quality information on the screen or print individual summaries for each dialysis facility. Use these summaries when you talk with your doctor or other health care provider about a dialysis facility or when you call or visit a dialysis facility.

*ESRD stands for End-Stage Renal Disease, which is permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant.